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SENIOR CLASS OF

THE FORT WAYNE

BIBLE INSTITUTE

FORT WAYNE, IND.

J. E. Ramsayer

In memory of the late Rev. J. E. Ramseyer, President of the Fort Wayne Bible Institute from its inception, the Class of 1944 dedicates this volume of the "Light Tower".

"Daddy" Ramseyer, as he was familiarly called, early in life had "out-reachings and a yearning in his being which he did not understand." However these were soon quenched at the Fountain of Life, from whence he continued daily to draw life-giving draughts. Thus was he imbued with perennial freshness, which kept him alert to things that make life rich and radiant.

He was at once a mystic and a minister. Out of the hours spent in solitude, communing with God, he brought forth treasures from the Word which he generously shared with us in chapel. Shall we ever forget his serious and thoughtful exhortations to us to exemplify the Gospel?

He was a pioneer, hewing a home for his widowed mother out of the wilderness of northern Michigan and laying the foundation of a church and school for God in Indiana.

As a leader he had a keen and happy appreciation of the work of his contemporaries. Freely he contributed to their enrichment; freely he received, always tolerant of others' opinions, yet uncompromising. There was not a vestige of resentment toward those who disagreed with or opposed him. God had given him a revelation. To this he was true to the end.

Friends who recognized his monumental work offered to confer upon him the degree of Doctor of Divinity, but in characteristic humility he refused this earthly honor. In the heavenly kingdom he has now received the Master's, "Well done."

REV. J. E. RAMSEYER

A PICTORIAL RECORD OF A SAINT OF GOD

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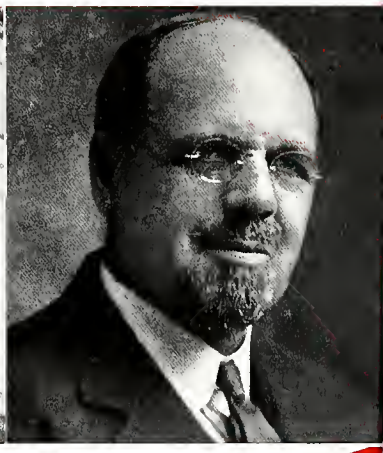

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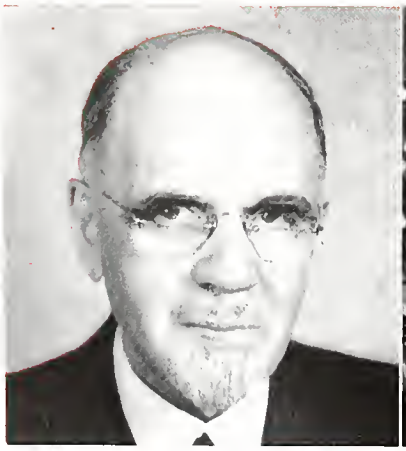

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Bethany Home, Bluffton, Ohio, 1904

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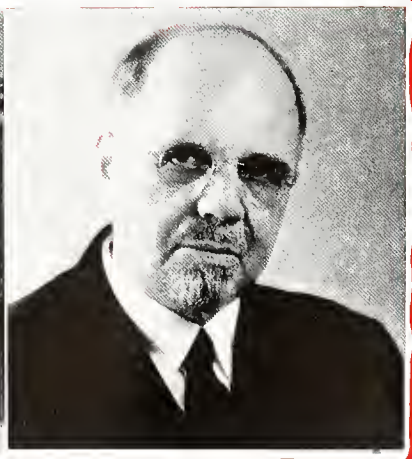

"He climbed the steep ascent to heaven
Through peril, toil, and pain;
O God, to us may grace be given
To follow in his train."

WORKERS TOGETHER WITH HIM
II CORINTHIANS 6:1

The familiar sign, "Fort Wayne Bible Institute," marks the approach to a site of activity and beauty in an exclusive residential district in the southwest side of the city of Fort Wayne.

In this residential district is our campus. Many large and stately trees, which remind us of the virgin forest which once stood on this plot, shade our three attractive buildings, and add much to this spot of beauty. The Administration Building, Bethany Hall, and Founders' Memorial, the recent "miracle building," together form adequate and convenient facilities for the busy school life of the Bible Institute students.

The beautiful homes, the thriving industries, and the location as the hub of the industrial Middle-West make Fort Wayne not only an attractive place, but also a place of opportunity for all.

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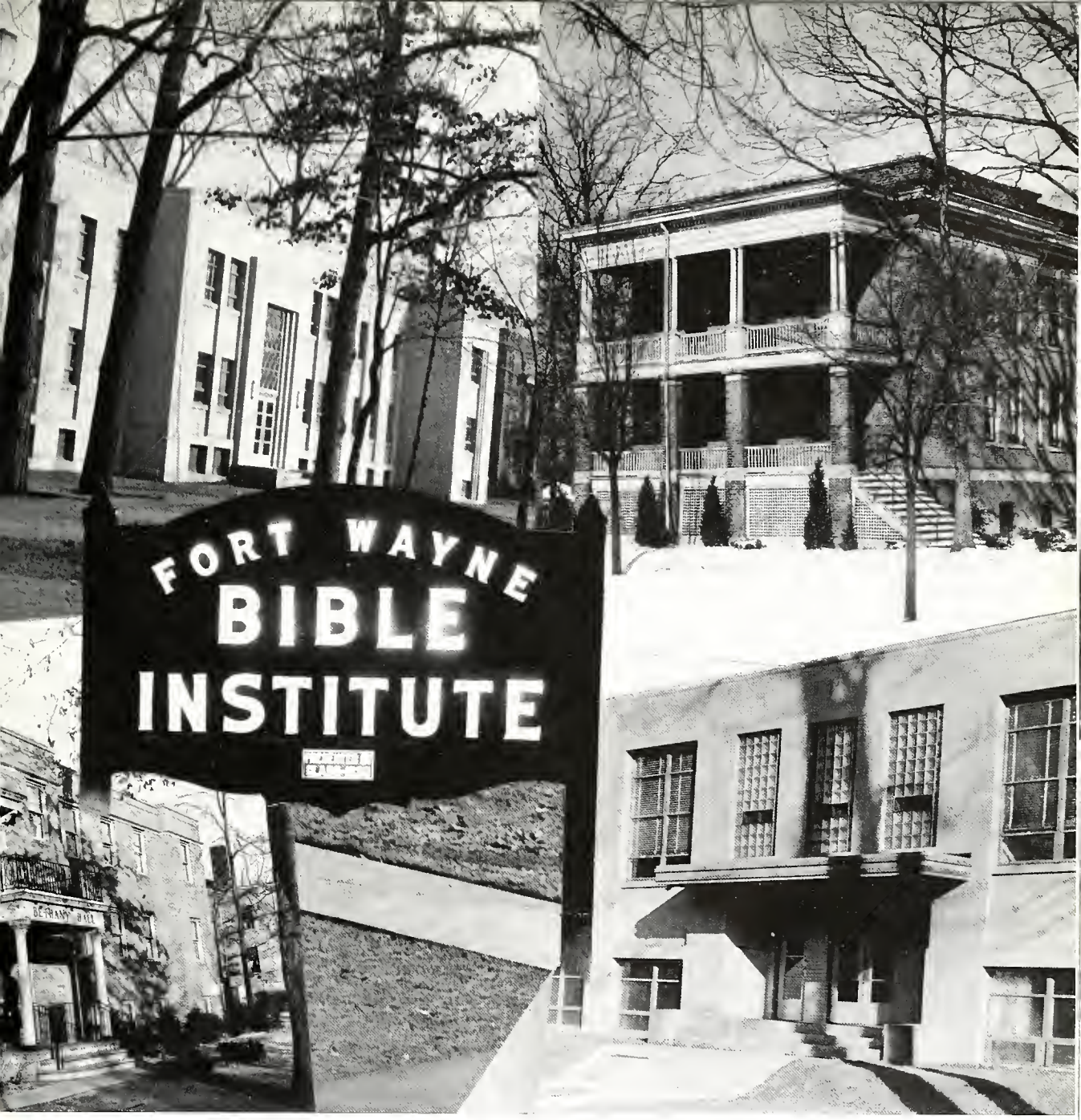
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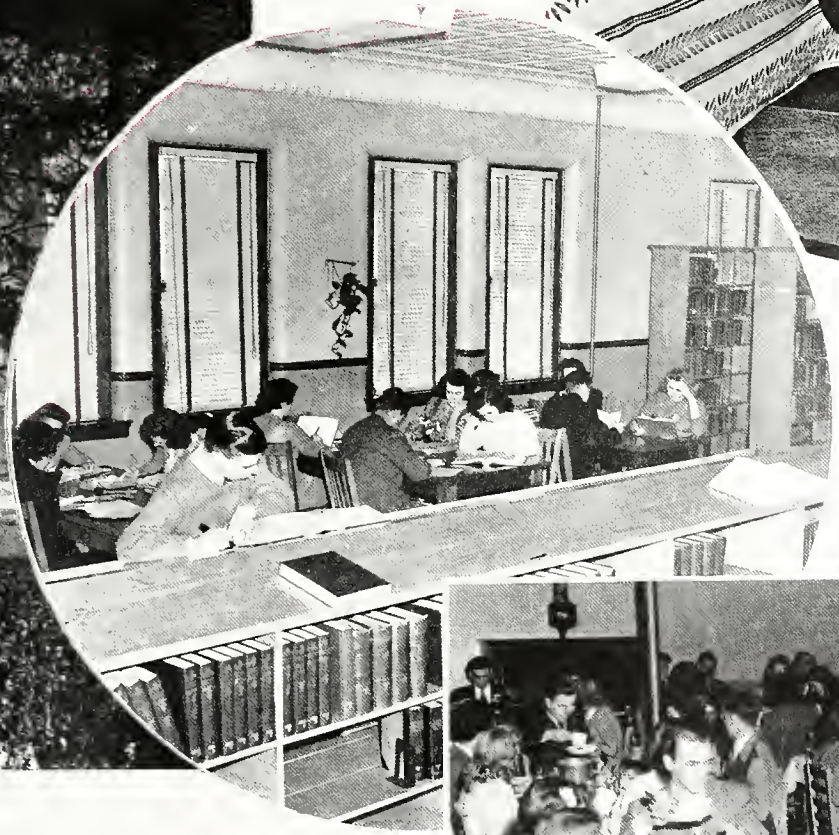

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BETHANY HALL

Main Entrance

Dormitory Room

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Classroom

FOUNDERS' MEMORIAL

Erected 1941 . . . Chapel . . . 21 Practice Rooms . . . . . Four Music Studios . . . Two Classrooms . . . . . Temporary Dormitory Rooms . . Gymnasium . . . . . Caretaker's Apartment . . Facilities for School Kitchen and Dining Room . . .

Classroom

West Entrance

—facing Rudisill Boulevard

Private Studio

BOOK ONE

A God-given privilege and responsibility has been intrusted to human instruments whom we call the faculty of the Bible Institute. They have been chosen to labor with Christ in preparing young people to work with Him. They know that the foundational requirement of workers is that they be of the same heart and spirit as the One with whom they labor. So the first concern of the instructors is that the students, if they have not already experienced the spiritual birth by which they receive the heart and mind of Christ, be led into a personal relationship with Him. Though the faculty recognize that the hearts of workers must be prepared, they also see the necessity of training the minds of the workers. They must be taught how to study the Scriptures, how to store the Word in their hearts, and how to apply the Truth. Their service can be rendered more effective by leading them into other branches of study which facilitate their understanding of the Word, sharpen their insight into human nature, and improve their impartation of the Gospel to others. Preparing the heart and the mind of students for expression in Christian service is the design of the faculty under the anointing and guidance of the Holy Spirit.

WORKERS TOGETHER WITH HIM

II CORINTHIANS 6:1

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Rev. J. A. Ringenberg, Chairman, 1946	Fort Wayne, Indiana
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SAFARA A. WITMER

A.B., M.A.

Our Dean, now serving in the United States Army.

As the class of 1944 leaves the sacred halls of the Institute, one wishes that the number might be multiplied a hundred times, for the need of competent workmen now and in the days ahead is unparalled. Our generation needs to know the Scriptural interpretation of the present judgment of God upon the nations, and prophets are needed to summon men to repentance. For years the path of history—if Jesus tarries—will be strewn by the social wreckage of the present catastrophe, and workmen are needed to reconstruct broken homes and blighted lives. Great areas of impoverishment in Europe and Asia call for the ministry of Good Samaritans. Sympathetic and understanding pastors will have an important work in helping millions of service men readjust themselves to civilian life and rehabilitating them spiritually. Re-opened mission fields will call for a world-wide advance of gospel propagation. May God equip you to meet this challenge with a mighty baptism of zeal and love. As the last group of students to be inspired by the living example of our beloved leader, "Daddy" Ramseyer, will you take the torch of holy devotion from his hands and fight the good fight of faith?

OUR FACULTY...

REV. L. R. RINGENBERG, A.B., M.A.—Acting Dean
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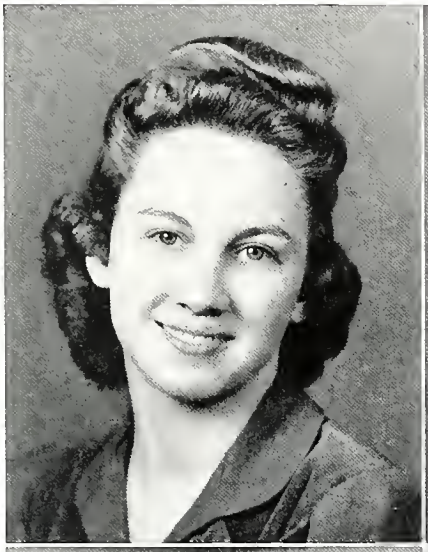

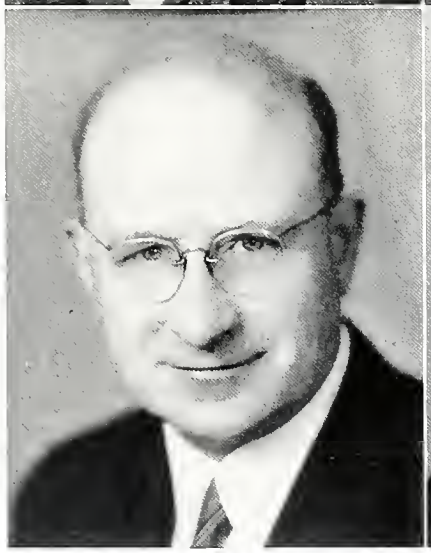

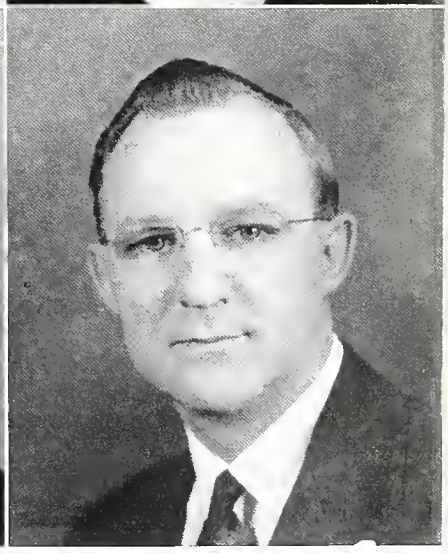

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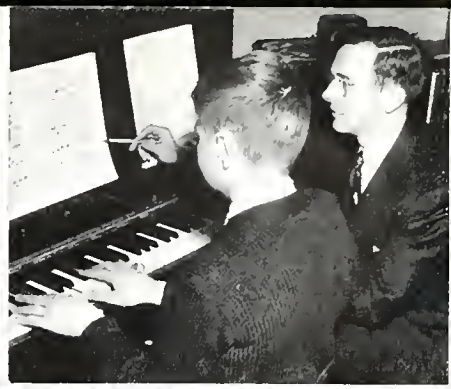


'Several verses
prove this point

Like interests
make good friends

I'll do it with
a smile.'

Open wide and
place the tone

Stay in your
room. All mail
comes under the door

First things
first

'Talk no [illegible]
let's get this lesson

'If practice helps, I'll
win!'

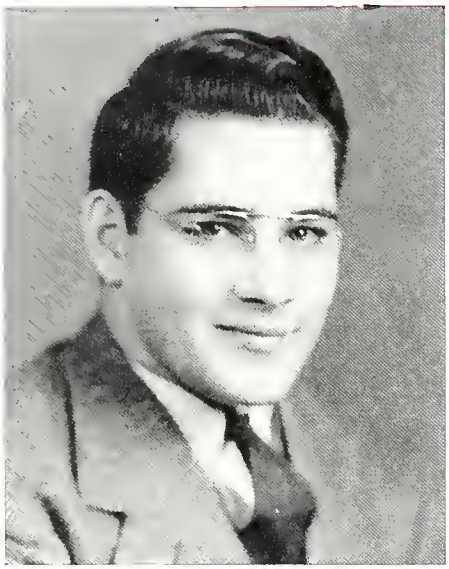
10:31 P. M.—A demerit??
(You might have covered
your transom!)

Books are friends worth
knowing.'

BOOK TWO

True workers with God are of His choosing, His ordination, and His commission. "Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit." From many states, many denominations, and many stations in life, He has called together young men and women to prepare themselves for various ministries. Like Paul, these students wish to give no offence in anything that the ministry be not blamed; but they desire in all things to approve themselves as the ministers of God. By gaining knowledge of the Word of Truth through study, by learning to release the power of God through prayer, by girding on the armor of righteousness,—students are seeking to equip themselves for work that will bring to them God's approval. After two, three, or four years of concentrated application in these respects thirty-six seniors are soon to engage in active Christian service. They are awaiting His commission to go into the ministry of His bidding.

SENIORS...



Class President

GEORGE W. SCHASER

Standard Theological

14301 Darwin Ave.
Cleveland, Ohio

"His quietness is mingled with devotion and humor."

The Senior Class had its first class meeting of the year on the fourth day of October, nineteen hundred and forty-three. As class officers, the following were elected for the year: President, George Schaser; Vice President, Glenn Cornwell; Secretary, Doris Moser; Treasurer, Burley Clay; and Chaplain, Harold Warner. Rev. Leightner was chosen as the class advisor.

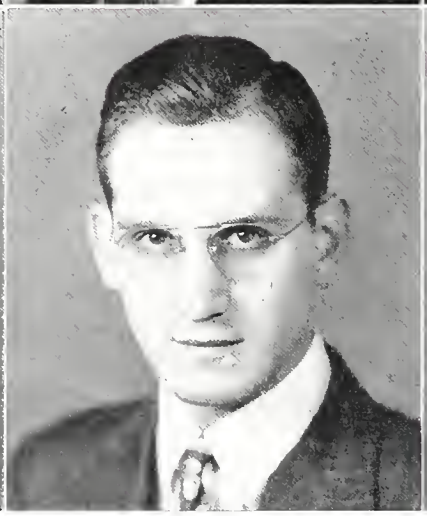
Class meetings are held on the first Wednesday of each month with the class chaplain leading a period of devotions which is followed by the class business meeting.

Highlights of the year include the "Senior Outing Day," which is a day of recreation and fellowship among the seniors and the advisor in a scenic location near the school. The Junior-Senior Banquet is also an annual event when the Junior Class entertains the Senior Class. This banquet is attended by all faculty members and students.

As a practical gift to the school and a remembrance from the class of 1944, a fine addition of new books has been presented to the school library.

SENIOR

Burley N. Clay



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Missionary
129 Garfield Ave.
Elkhart, Indiana
"Some people say little, but write much."

● **JOHN L. BONTRAGER**
Two-year Theological
R. F. D. 2
Decatur, Indiana
"Quiet, humble, and devoted."

● **BURLEY N. CLAY**
Standard Theological
Delta,
Ohio
"Cheerfully he walks in the Saviour's presence."

● **ALICE THEADORA CONE**
Two-year Bible-Music
1125 East Pierce St.
Phoenix, Arizona
"She likes 'em strong and 'burley'."

● **CHARLES GLENN CORNWELL**
Standard Theological
618 Trenton Ave.
Findlay, Ohio
"Diligent in study and deep in meditation."

● **GERARD J. FRENCH**
Standard Theological
Blissfield,
Michigan
"A unique character, determined to have God's best."

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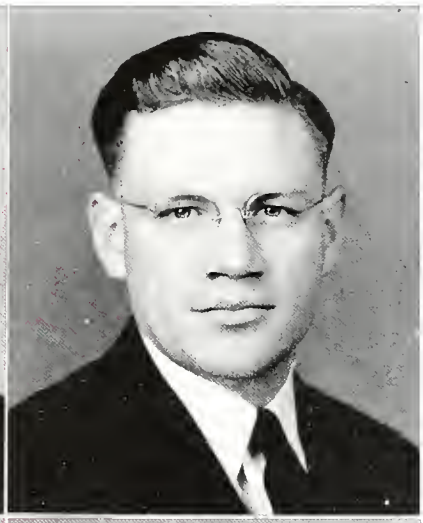

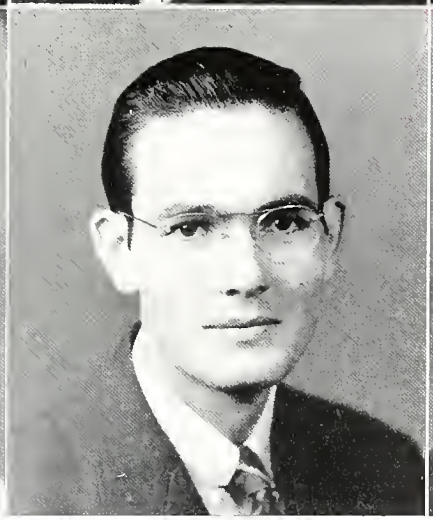

● **DOROTHY E. GRAVES**
Standard Bible-Music
R. F. D. 1
Liberty, Miss.
"Redheads are frequently seen, and heard just as often."

● **EDNA I. HEATON**
Missionary Academic
Beech Creek,
Pennsylvania
"A woman of few words."

● **FLORENCE HABEGGER**
Missionary
Berne,
Indiana
"The social always includes Sadie."

● **DAVID L. IVES**
Standard Bible-Music
Rudisill at So. Wayne,
Fort Wayne 6, Indiana
"Singing I go along life's road."

● **GLEN D. HEAD**
Missionary
Walworth,
Wisconsin
"The God of Elijah solves my problems, too."

● **JUANITA M. JONES**
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"Aims are great—if you can reach them."

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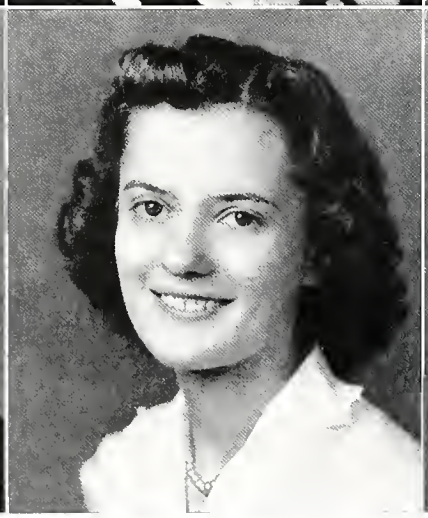

● ESTHER N. KING
Two-Year Bible-Music
2449 Auburn Ave.
Toledo, Ohio
"A song for her Master, and smiles for her friends."

● EUDENE E. KING
Missionary
Flanagan,
Illinois
"Not the girl who has it, but who gets it."

● EVELYN KRESS
Missionary
R. F. D. 1
Troy, Ohio
"Who ever thought of history as a mystery."

● DOROTHY LEHMAN
Two-Year Bible-Music
6906 Old Trail
Wayendale, Indiana
"What's music without correct rhythm?"

● LORETTA LUGBILL
Two-Year Bible-Music
Archbold,
Ohio
"Sing and play takes cares away."

● ESTHER MAHAFFEY
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10530 Remington Ave.
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"Psychologically minded with a philosophical view."

WORKERS TOGETHER WITH HIM

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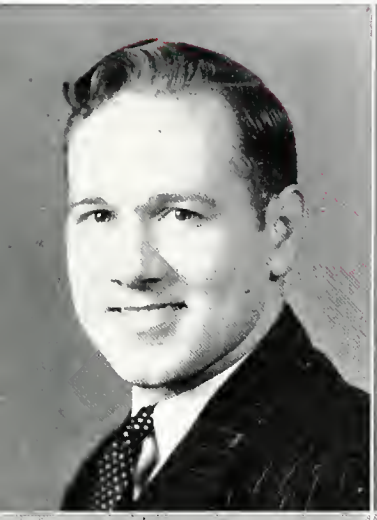

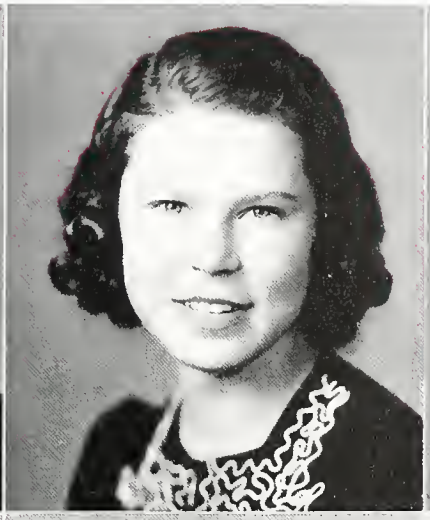

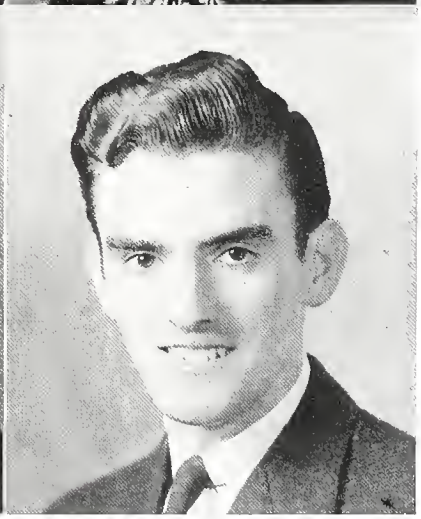

ROBERT McBRIER
Theological Academic
417 N. Ninth Street
Goshen, Indiana
"Smiling Bob with a burning zeal and a passion for the lost."

PHYLLIS JOAN MEIER
Two-Year Bible-Music
Swanton,
Ohio
"Useful because of her musical ability."

VIRGINIA GRACE MEIER
Two-Year Bible-Music
Swanton,
Ohio
"Greek—oh,, that's nothing."

WILLIAM MERKLEY
Standard Theological
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Port Huron, Michigan
"Quietly studies to mind his own business."

DORIS E. MOSER
Missionary
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Berne, Indiana
"Humorous and wise is the girl with brown eyes."

ELMER T. NEUENSCHWANDER
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McPherson, Kansas
"His stately character is shown by his walk and his talk."

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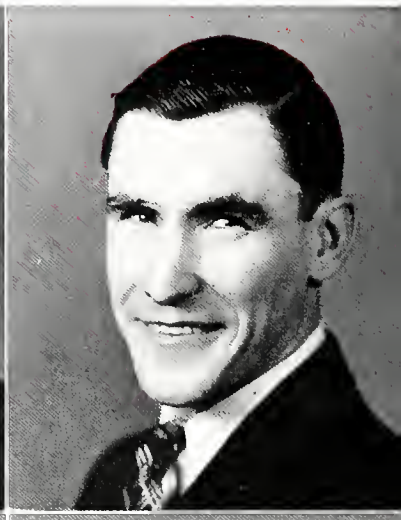

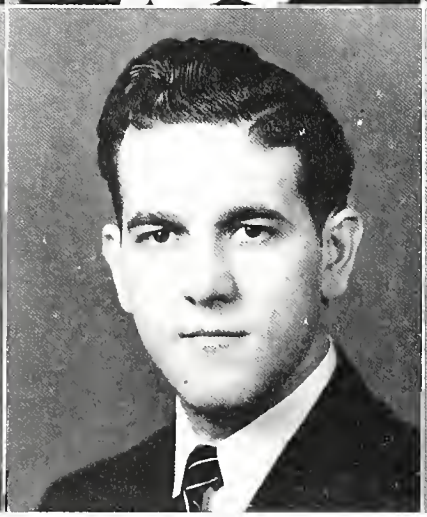

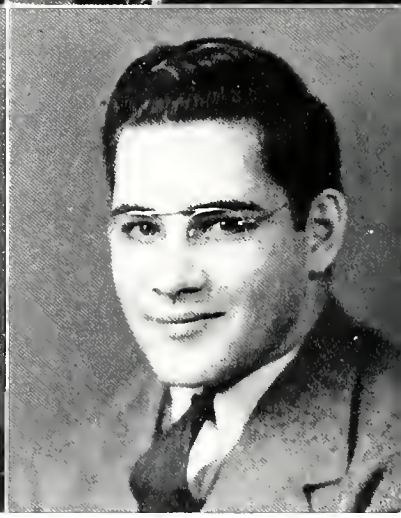

RUTH E. NEUMANN
Missionary
720 Isabella Court
Clinton, Iowa
"Words may be few but her smile is in view."

MARIAN E. NORTON
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Mentor, Ohio
"Slowly but surely she is pressing toward her high ambitions."

ROBERT L. ROHRS
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R. R. No. 2
"Earnest, industrious, composed, and contemplative."

MINA ROTH
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2249 South 74th St.
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"Very frank is our practical Swiss."

ANDREW M. RUPP
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"To serve his Lord acceptably is his highest aspiration."

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"His quietness is mingled with devotion and humor."

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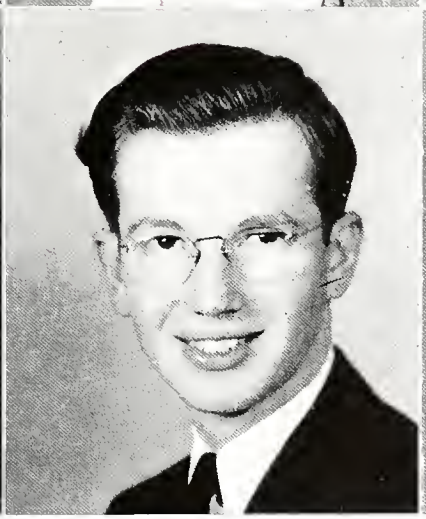

● JEANNE M. SCHLEICHER
Two-Year Bible-Music
Slatedale,
Pennsylvania
"Have you anything to eat?"

● MILDRED SMITH
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Box 210
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"It may be hard but she never gives up."

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"Need and artist singer, or children's teacher—see Miriam."

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"He diligently studies the Word."

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"O-o-o-o-! How can that be?"

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"He meets life with a smile, and is faithful in his devotion to God."

ANALYSIS OF ENROLLMENT

Census

	1940-41	1941-42	1942-43	1943-44
School of Bible	157	176	173	187
School of Music	19	30	36	44
Total	176	206	209	231

Enrollment by States

Arizona	5	Mississippi	1
California	4	North Dakota	1
Illinois	7	New Jersey	2
Indiana	83	Ohio	54
Iowa	1	Pennsylvania	11
Kansas	3	Tennessee	3
Michigan	54	Wisconsin	2

Denominational Affiliations

African M. E.	1	Mennonite Brethren in Christ	31
Baptist	11	Mennonite (Central)	2
Brethren	3	Mennonite (Conference)	3
Brethren in Christ	3	Mennonite (Defenseless)	5
Christian	2	Methodist Episcopal	9
Christian and Miss. Alliance	18	Methodist Protestant	1
Christian Congregational	1	Missionary Church Association	68
Community Church	2	Mission Covenant	5
Congregational	3	Nazarene	5
Episcopal	1	Pilgrim Holiness	3
Evangelical	9	Radical U. B.	7
Free Methodist	1	Tabernacles and Ind. Churches	21
Friends	1	Wesleyan Methodist	1
Liberal U. B.	2	No church affiliation	10
Lutheran	2		
		Total	231

WALTER M. DEAN

THE SLEEP

Of all the thoughts of God that are
Borne inward unto souls afar,
Along the Psalmist's music deep,
Now tell me if that any is,
For gift or grace, surpassing this—
"He giveth His beloved, sleep"?

And, friends, dear friends,—when it shall be
That this low breath is gone from me,
And round my bier ye come to weep,
Let One, most loving of you all,
Say, "Not a tear must o'er him fall!
He giveth His beloved, sleep."

Elizabeth Barrett Browning

Walter Dean enrolled as a freshman theological student at the Bible Institute on September 8, 1943. Twenty days later he was summoned to his Heavenly Home after a brief illness of six days. Although known by the Institute Family for only these few days, Walter had already endeared himself to his instructors and fellow students. Though his stay was brief, he made an incalculable contribution by his example of true Christian faith.

Walter was the son of Mrs. Vee Dean and the late Winfield S. Dean. He was a native of Jackson, Michigan. His earthly life came to an end at the age of 18 years and 28 days. Walter received Christ as his personal Saviour at the age of eleven and from that time had eagerly anticipated attending the Bible Institute. One of his sisters, Marie, is a second-year student at the Institute.

A memorial service was held for Walter in Founders' Memorial Auditorium during the chapel hour on September 29. President J. E. Ramseyer gave a very helpful message for the occasion. During the days of Walter's illness much prayer was offered for him. He himself trusted his case implicitly to the hand of his God. However, God has had a deeper lesson for us all to learn than could have been taught by granting our desire.

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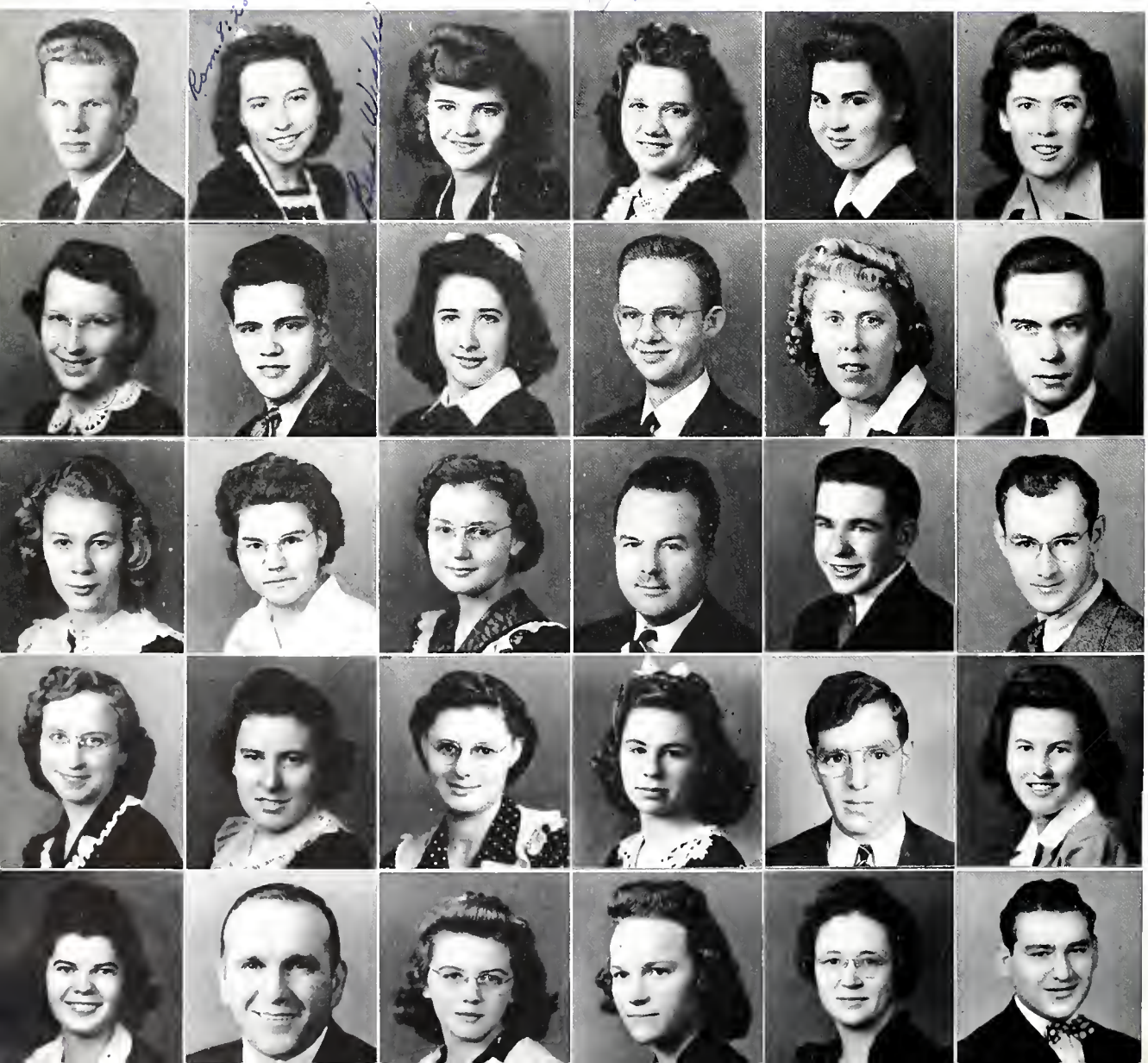

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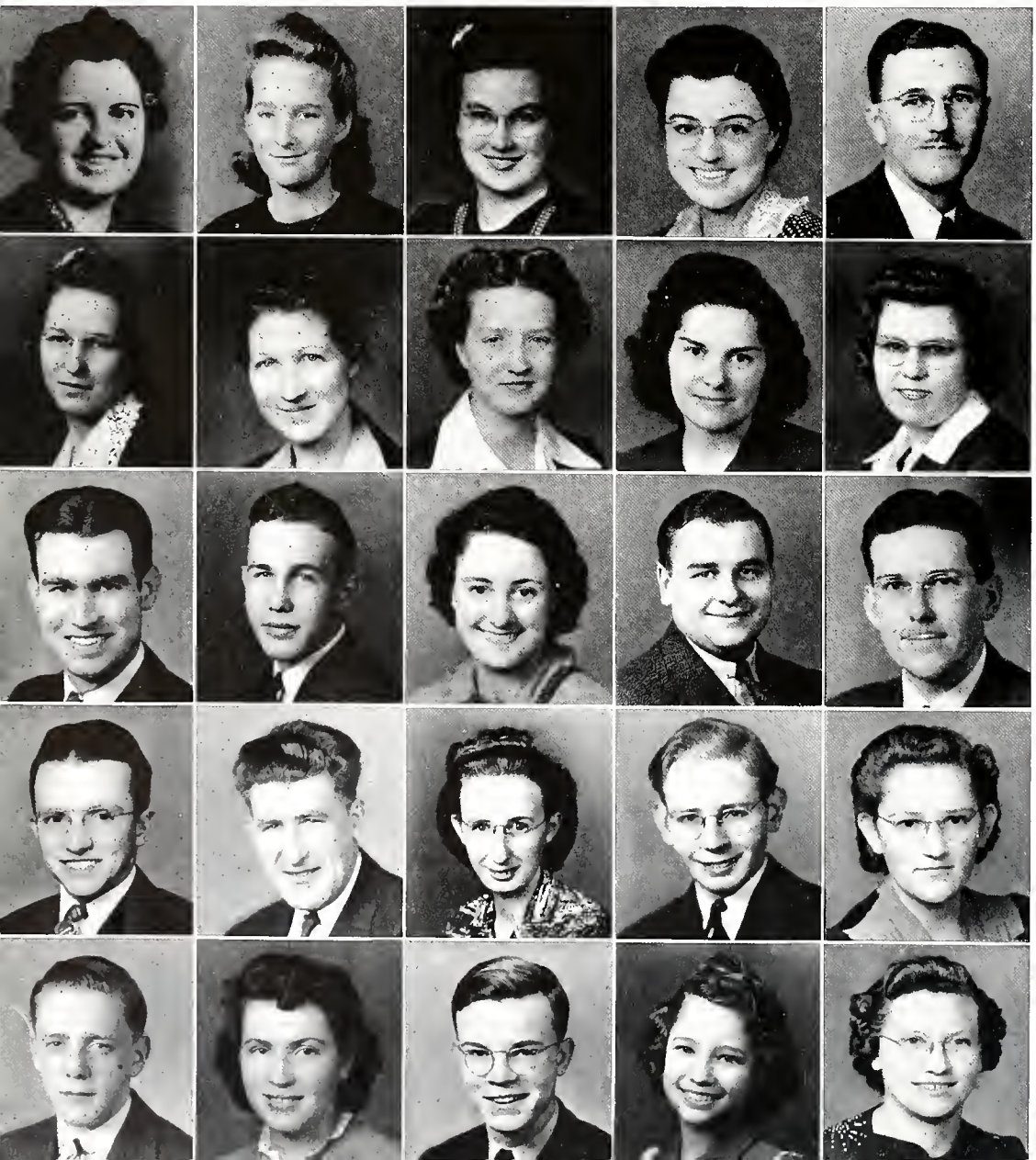

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AS THE CAMERA SEES IT

LIFE AS OTHERS SEE IT

BOOK THREE

A Christian workman is not molded in a day; he is the product of time and experience under the leadership of the Holy Spirit. But in the wise economy of God, the workman may render acceptable and valuable service while that very service equips him for future ministry. A modern educator says it thus: "We learn to do by doing." And so the foundation of Christian experience plus the knowledge of God's Word are still insufficient equipment. The prospective worker must learn to translate grace and knowledge into wise and fruitful ministry. He has as his goal the salvation of men, and he finds many avenues through which he may help to achieve that goal. He may preach, pray, teach, testify, sing, play an instrument, give of his substance, distribute tracts, visit homes, or make personal contacts for the Lord. Therefore, in the two or three year training period at the Bible Institute, the students are at work in the Church, in the Sunday School, in youth groups, in child evangelism classes, in the Christian Service Center, and on the street. Together with Christ, they are seeking to become workmen approved by God.

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MISSIONS

Christ's command, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature", is a basis for the active part the Bible Institute takes in the program of missions. The Friday evening Mission Band Service, the Missionary Prayer Meetings, and the courses offered in the curriculum contribute richly toward giving each student a clear vision of God's program by which the gospel may be carried to every creature. Through the courses offered in missions, the student becomes acquainted with the history of missionary endeavor, the practical problems which workers must face on the field at home and abroad, along with the consideration of the personal equipment of the missionary himself. It is a solemn conviction that the gospel is for all, and that without salvation men perish. All have sinned; it is therefore necessary for all to hear of Jesus' great love if they are to have eternal life.

5 O'CLOCK PRAYER MEETING

Each evening at 5:00 o'clock the students meet, and in united prayer bring the lost of every land to the Father. It is the calling of God to every Christian to live a life of intercession. By claiming the promise of Psalm 2:8, "Ask of Me, and I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession," the prayer warriors who join in this thirty minutes of prayer will someday come rejoicing and bringing their sheaves with them. Only eternity will reveal what is accomplished in these meetings.

MISSIONARY PRAYER LEADERS

OUR BURDEN . . .

MONDAY: Mexico, Central America, South America, West Indies.

TUESDAY: Africa, Madagascar.

WEDNESDAY: India, Ceylon, Afghanistan, Nepal, Baluchistan, Burma.

THURSDAY: China, Japan, French Indo-China, Tibet, Korea, Manchuria, Mongolia.

FRIDAY: Europe, the Near East, the Jews.

SATURDAY: Home Missions, Alaska, Labrador, Canada, Tract Team.

SUNDAY: Gospel Teams, Netherlands East Indies, Philippines, Australia, New Zealand, Malay, Pacific Islands.

REGULAR PRAYER LEADERS

Standing: Lyle Steiner, Betta Lu Cripe, Gladys Chapman, Kathleen Thomashesky, David Seimens.
Sitting: Ruth Wolf, Doris Goehring, Helen Kemmerer, Grace Rabaush

ASSISTANT PRAYER LEADERS

Back row: Margie McDowell, Vera Blocher, Wayne Brenneman, Hilda Warye, Irene Hirschy.
Front row: Juanita Jones, Jean Greenman, Genevieve Bernath, Ruth Clay.

STUDENTS' M

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Sitting: Loretta Lugbill, pianist; Glen Head, president; Harold Warner, vice-president; Doris Moser, secretary.

First Semester Speakers

Sept. 17—Rev. Clayton Steiner ..... South America
Sept. 24—Wayne Brenneman, Mrs. Edgar Neuenschwander, Lavera Amstutz, and Wauneta Shoup ..... Kentucky
Oct. 1—Rev. P. L. Eicher ..... India
Oct. 8—Mrs. Tamar Wright Sterling ..... India
Oct. 15—Mrs. F. Lee Jeffries ..... Japan, Korea, and China
Oct. 29—Rev. C. E. Echlin ..... Central America
Nov. 5—Rev. and Mrs. C. Snyder ..... China
Nov. 12—Rev. Buyse ..... Belgian Congo
Nov. 19—Rev. and Mrs. Paul Ummel ..... Africa
Nov. 26—Rev. and Mrs. Froman ..... India
Dec. 5—Mr. Chester Moser ..... Salem Orphanage
Jan. 7—Dean Witmer ..... U. S. Army
Jan. 14—Rev. Clarence Moore ..... South America

UNHEEDED

Arthur E. Reifel

With hearts that are broken
And burdened within,

The millions are dying
Who are lost in their sin.

They are searching for truth,
Will their cries go unheard?

Can the Church just stand by
And deny them the Word?

SSION BAND

Standing: Jeanne Schleicher, organist; Vernon Petersen, chorister; John Blosser, treasurer; Mildred Hirschy, pianist.
Sitting: Doris Moser, vice-president; Burley Clay, president; Evelyn Kress, secretary.

Second Semester Speakers

Jan. 21—Dr. Mosley	Tibet
Feb. 4—Mrs. Floyd Bowman	Africa
Feb. 11—Rev. Paul Allen	Palestine and Persia
Feb. 18—Rev. R. P. Ditmer	India
Mar. 3—Rev. Elmore Eicher	India
Mar. 10—Mrs. Bauman	Columbia, South America
Mar. 17—Rev. C. J. Glittenberg	China
Mar. 24—Rev. Eberhardt	Rescue Missions
Mar. 31—Rev. Newton	China
Apr. 14—Rev. Ralph Freid	Palestine
May 5—Rev. John Wegatz	Africa
May 12—Missions Class	South America

Must they still pray to false
Gods and worship in fear,

While the Church—like these idols—
Seem not to hear?

Are God's people too busy
To have much concern?

Is there no more desire
Over lost souls to yearn?

Their cries must be answered
From Heaven above!

God help us to take them
The Gospel of Love.

YOUTH CONFERENCE

Standing: Glen Head, promotional manager; Virginia Meier, music chairman; Elmer Neuenschwander, treasurer; Gerald Ringenberg, chairman of arrangements.
Sitting: Wauneta Shaup, secretary; Miss Butz, Mr. Ringenberg, faculty advisors; Andrew Rupp, Chairman.
No Picture: Florence Habeggar, co-chairman.

The Fourth Annual Youth Conference, sponsored by the students of the Institute and held on October 22, 23, and 24, will always stand in the memories of all who attended as another vivid evidence that God mightily answers prayer. The speaker for the Conference was the Rev. James Gibson, a young evangelist from Ft. Thomas, Kentucky. The Christ-centered, dynamic messages of "the Irish evangelist", as he is called, were a great source of encouragement, inspiration, and spiritual help to all who heard them. Mr. Gibson is an example of what God can do with a young man who is surrendered to Him. At the Saturday afternoon service, Mr. Gibson gave his life story. It was interesting, inspiring, and challenging to hear of his boyhood days in Ireland, how he came to the United States, his conversion, his school days, his filling with the Holy Spirit, and his ministry for Christ.

The Rev. Roy Ramseyer, pastor of the North Street Bible Church in Jackson, Michigan, and a graduate of the Fort Wayne Bible Institute, was the song leader. The lively, praiseful song services as well as the special songs by Mr. and Mrs. Ramseyer lifted us into the heavenlies.

"AMERICAN YOUTH FOR CHRIST"

SPECIAL CHORUS

The Special Chorus composed of fifty-four voices, under the direction of Prof. Gerber with Prof. Pfundstein at the console of the organ and Mrs. Parlee at the piano, received great spiritual benefit as they prepared selections from the oratorios of Mendelssohn, Handel, Haydn, and other sacred classics in view of the annual Spring concert. Not only are valued the educational benefits derived from this training, but also the opportunities of being made a blessing to the many thus reached through this ministry over the air and in concerts.

"Our prayer is that this organization may ever be the means of lifting high the Christ who said, 'and I, if I be lifted up, will draw all men unto me', and thus bring many souls to Him as we exalt His Name in song."—Prof. C. A. Gerber.

"SING YE PRAISES UNTO THE LORD"

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STREET MEETING COMMITTEE

During the warm weeks of the Fall and Spring, we plan the street meetings which are held downtown in the courthouse square every Saturday night. With the use of a public address system, many souls are reached through songs, testimonies, and messages from God's Word.

TRACT TEAM

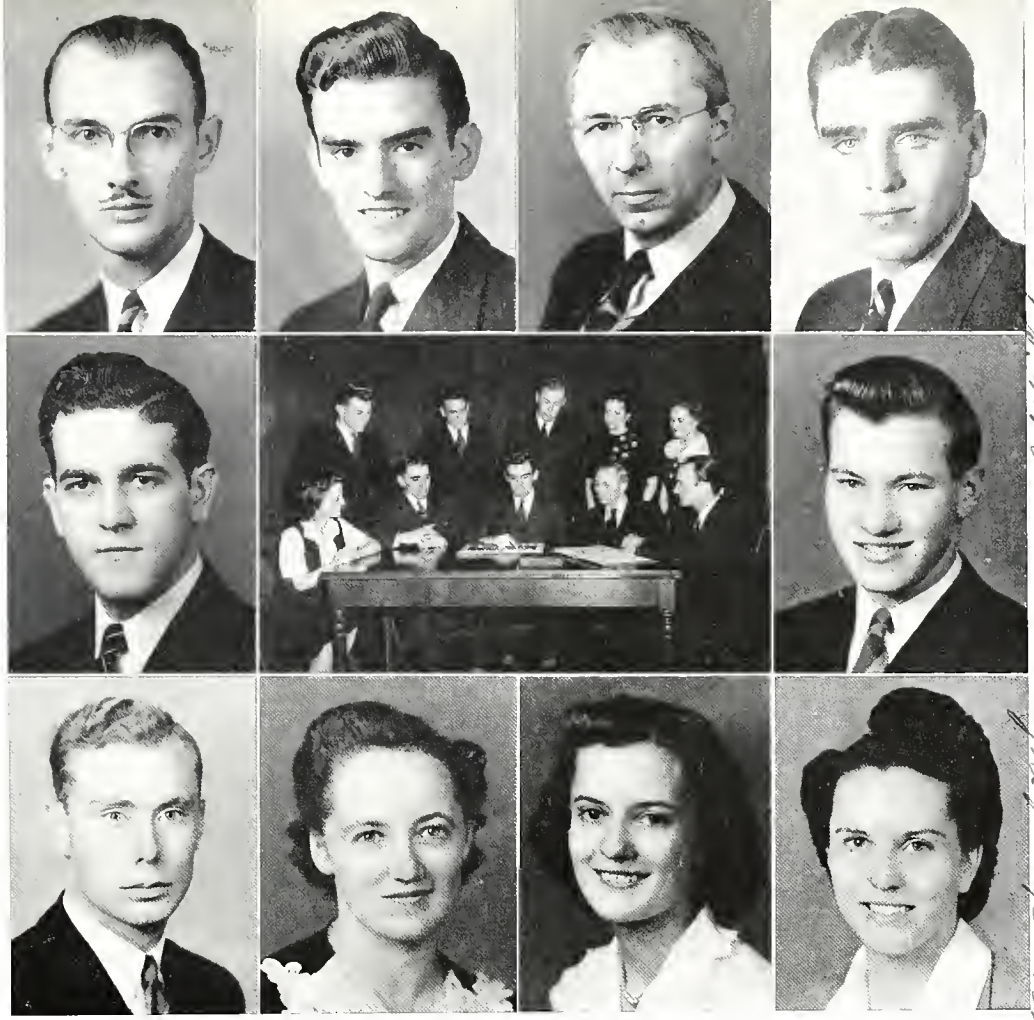
Every Saturday night we distribute nearly 3,000 tracts in the saloons and on the streets of Fort Wayne. This year it has been our joy to see about 15 persons turn from sin and accept Jesus Christ as Saviour.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS

It is not enough to continually take in knowledge. In various Sunday Schools scattered throughout the city, we enjoy giving out to others precious truths from God's Word.

CHRISTIAN SERVICE CENTER

I am one of many soldier boys who receives spiritual help from this service center located in the business district of Fort Wayne and under the direction of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Spoolstra. I especially enjoy meeting and talking with the students of the Bible Institute who minister here.



I was certainly as to have the opportunity to meet Bob's folks. I may the Lord bless you.
Ps 2:8. Wayne D. Brenneman

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The Student Council is a representative group of students chosen from the women's and men's dormitories for the purpose of promoting the general welfare of school life and to maintain true Christian ideals in dormitory life. This is accomplished through working in cooperation with the respective Deans in arranging periodic meetings for the dormitory groups. In these meetings, current problems are discussed and programs presented.

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The Fellowship Circle is the alumni organization of the Bible Institute whose purpose it is to maintain and promote the fellowship which was begun during student days, and to carry a spirit of prayer for its members and the Bible Institute.

Today its members are scattered throughout the regions of the world, ministering in various capacities: some in mission fields, some as pastors, and others in the armed forces of our country.

An annual meeting of the Fellowship Circle is held at the Institute during commencement week, which gives opportunity for renewal of friendships and the formation of new ones.

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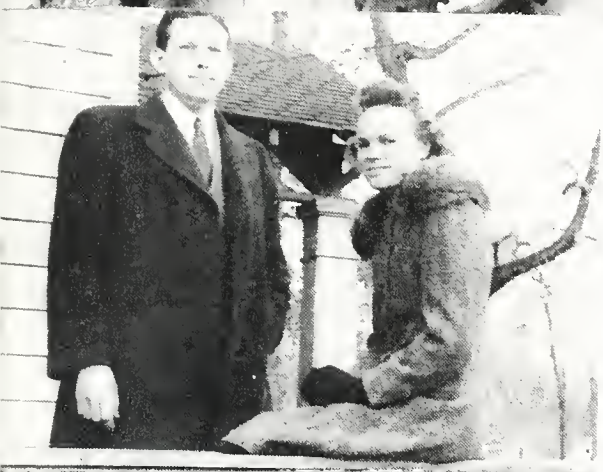

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CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER

8, Wed. Dear ole' B.I.'s nice quiet rest was quickly aroused by an influx of trunks, baggage, and scholastic pursuers.

9, Thu. Confusion—the keynote of the first day of school.

10, Fri. Missionary party spoke in chapel and opening services in the church across the street.

11, Sat. Everyone gets acquainted at the picnic in Foster Park.

14, Tue. Daddy Ramseyer spoke in chapel about God's plan and provision for us.

15, Wed. In chapel Rev. Frank Holzworth practiced what he preached about "good terminal facilities".

17, Fri. Our own missionary, Rev. Clayton Steiner, brought the message in the first Mission Band of this year.

20, Mon. Miss Zeller gave her chapel message on, "Branches in Christ".

22, Wed. We learned of Epaphras from Rev. Robert Struhbar in chapel.

23, Thu. "He loved us not because of what is in us, but because of what He could put into us," said Daddy Ramseyer in chapel.

24, Fri. Student Kentuckian missionaries relate "hilltop" experiences in Mission Band.

27, Mon. First chapel period given over to testimonies and praise.

28, Tue. "God appeals to our wills, not our emotions, at the beginning and throughout life," Daddy Ramseyer.

29. Wed. Memorial service for our young fellow-student, Walter Dean, who was loved by all students who had so recently come to know him.

30. Thu. In chapel Daddy Ramseyer emphasized that Christ had to come down to where we are that He might bring us to God.

OCTOBER

1, Fri. Our new teacher, Miss White, spoke on Psalm 23 in chapel.

2, Sat. Students seek to do on Saturday what they couldn't get done during the week.

3, Sun. B.I. representatives scattered about countryside in the King's service.

4, Mon. First Day of Prayer was day of spiritual feasting especially for new students.
9:00 P.M.—the Senior class was organized.

8, Fri. "The x-rays are for the doctors; His promises are for us," said Mrs. Tamar Wright Sterling as she told of God's healing after her accident.

13, Wed. The largest Greek class in history of B.I. is confronted with their first test.
"Shining" Knives for Jesus," was chapel message by Mother Ramseyer.

15, Fri. In her chapel message, Mother Lugibihl said, "I am more glad as I grow older, that I was saved when I was young".

20, Wed. The proverbial campus day became a reality.

22, 23, 24 God's Spirit brought many seeking hearts through to victory during the 3-day Youth Conference.

NOVEMBER

5, Fri. A few students helped Uncle Pete clean up the east lawn, and they each received four ice cream bars to the envy of the others.

8, Mon. "Mend your speech, lest it mar your fortune," introduced the Bible Institute English Reformation.

9, Tue. "Obedience is the secret of the Godly life"—Daddy Ramseyer in chapel.

10, Wed. "Go, So, Lo,—the Missionary Commission, Compassion, Comfort,"—Rev. Tyler in chapel.

18, Thu. Mrs. Alexander dramatically gave a bit on China in after-supper devotions.

23, Tue. In 5:00 prayer meeting, Rev. Tyler described vividly the awful degradation of women in Africa.

25, Thu. Thanksgiving Day at school with prayer period in forenoon, and a very appropriate banquet and program in evening.

27, Sat. Rev. Wm. McArthur kept the dining room in hearty laughter during his after-supper speech.

DECEMBER

10, Fri. Prof. Pfundstein at the piano and Mr. Lyndell Cash at the organ brought Christmas meditations in chapel.

14, Tue. Daddy Ramseyer brought out in his chapel message that "our salvation is wrapped up in a Person."—Luke 2:25-33.

16, Thu. Daddy Ramseyer's last chapel message to us: "It is not a matter of understanding the mystery of the incarnation of Jesus Christ, but we are to enter in."

17, Fri. During this Day of Prayer just before we left for Christmas vacation, Daddy Ramseyer, in a few words, exhorted us according to II Cor. 2:14-15, to diffuse the fragrance of Christ after spending time alone with Him in absorbing His truths.

17, Fri. Noon—Vacation begins!

JANUARY

6, Thu. Our Dean, Chaplain S. A. Witmer, spoke in chapel.

7, Fri. In Mission Band, Chaplain Witmer gave us an insight into rules and discipline in the lives of the army chaplains.

19, Wed. 4:00 P.M.—"Hurrah! Exams are over!"

20, Thu. Rev. Edison Habeggar brought stirring messages in both morning and evening services of the Day of Prayer.

21, Fri. Registration Day with all its rush, waiting, changes, books, rooms, baggage, and no rest!

22, Sat. The usual Saturday tempo accelerated to "vivace".

24, Mon. New classes, new schedule, new aspirations.

25, Tue. News received at breakfast that our beloved 'Daddy" had gone Home.

27, Thu. Though we feel deeply the loss of our Daddy" Ramseyer, his life and testimony as reviewed today, inspired us to deeper consecration in the Lord.

FEBRUARY

1, Tue. "And the walls fell down flat,"—Mrs. Mary Potts in chapel.

2, Wed. Dean Ringenberg introduced the new teacher, Rev. Shepley.

18, Fri. Cpl. Royal Steiner, a former student, challenged us to give what we have to the Lord and He will use it.

22, Tue. The large Greek II class (two boys), recited though their teacher was absent.
Young people from Potsdam, Ohio, M.B.C. Church, visited us today.

23, Wed. More visitors, today from Elkhart, Indiana. "Fine" visit unexpected!

29, Tue. Mr. Richard Holzworth sang in chapel and also told of his experiences in visiting the army camps.

MARCH

2, Thu. "The Word of God is a great book of literature"—Mrs. Smith's chapel message.

3, Fri. "Big Fred" Ingersoll inspired us in chapel by some of his experiences in City Mission work.

APRIL

5, Wed. Easter vacation begins.

11, Tue. Students return from vacation for the "Home Stretch."

MAY

21, Sun. Baccalaureate.

24, Wed. Fellowship Circle Banquet.

25, Thu. Commencement.

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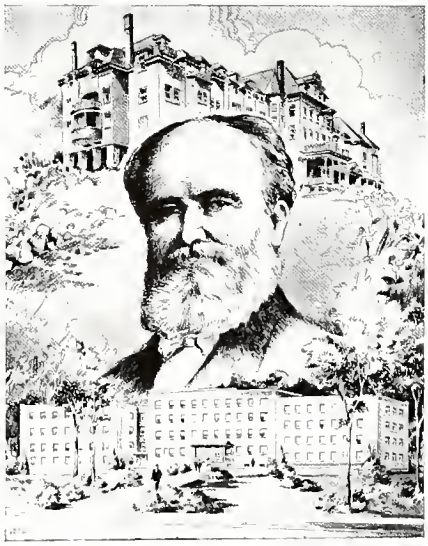

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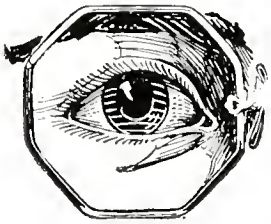

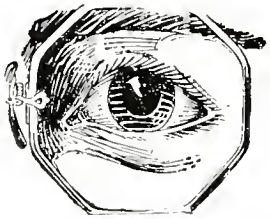

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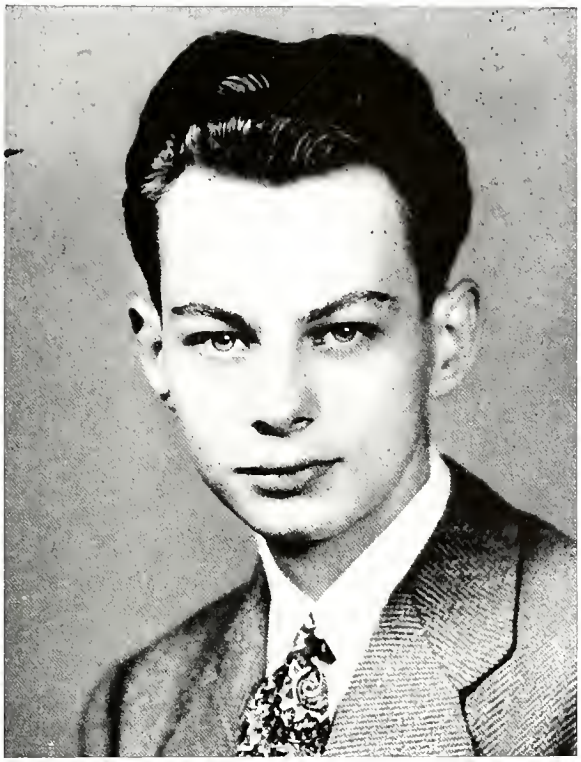

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